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 Linda V. Gravell, et al.) International Application No.:
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 Title: **VIRTUAL POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM**

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one (1) month to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed on August 30, 1999.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one (1) month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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